

**Harvest of the Month Guidelines:
Modifying, Translating, and Developing Complementary Materials
Criteria, Logo Usage, and Acknowledgement Statements**

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Section 1. Background

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance when using the *Network for a Healthy California (Network)*-developed copyrighted Harvest of the Month (HOTM) materials and monthly elements provided on www.harvestofthemonth.com. All HOTM materials, particularly the monthly elements, are designed to be part of a standardized approach that is most effective when used in its current format. All materials are copyrighted by the *Network*, but may be reprinted when used for educational purposes.

The HOTM monthly elements include educator newsletters, English and Spanish family newsletters, and English and Spanish menu slicks. These elements are designed for use in the classroom, cafeteria, and in a variety of other community settings to support efforts to increase fruit and vegetable consumption among students and their families. The *Network* understands that there are situations in which these materials may need to be modified slightly or translated in order to better meet the needs of the audiences served by the different programs using HOTM (students and families). *Please refer to **Sections 2 and 3** for instructions on modifying or translating HOTM materials.*

In the past, complementary or extension pieces have been developed for use in conjunction with HOTM activities from the state-developed monthly elements. The *Network* encourages contractors to research and identify existing nutrition education and physical activity promotion materials for use in their programs before developing new materials. This also includes revisions to existing materials. If existing nutrition education/promotional materials are examined thoroughly, including review of USDA's Food Stamp Nutrition Connection (www.nal.usda.gov/foodstamp/index.html) and the California Healthy Kids Resource Center (www.californiahealthykids.org), and none are found to fit the program or target audience, then contractors may use *Network* funds to develop new, "complementary" materials with prior approval from the assigned Program Manager. *Please refer to **Section 4** for instructions on development of complementary materials.*

Based on past modifications, translations, and development of complementary HOTM materials, the following sections outline criteria that should be followed in order to use the HOTM logo. If all criteria are fulfilled and the HOTM logo is used, then there are also corresponding acknowledgement statements that should be used on the modified, translated, or complementary HOTM material.

Please read carefully the criteria for each section and make note of the appropriate acknowledgement statement that should be used in each situation.

Section 2. Modifications to Existing Materials

Allowable Modifications:

Type A –

Some components of the state-developed HOTM monthly elements may be modified. These types of modifications (Type A) do not change or impact the general content of the monthly elements. If necessary, the following Type A modifications are allowable:

- Switching or re-arranging the monthly schedule order of the featured produce.
- Replacing classroom recipes with a recipe that meets *Network* criteria (recipe guidelines will be available FFY 2009).
- Replacing or modifying taste testing activities.
- Adding books to the recommended literature list.
- Adding events and/or event information specific to individual districts/schools.

Type B –

If necessary, specific content areas from the *Network*-developed HOTM monthly elements may be modified. These should be rarely, if ever, changed and should only occur if the content is inaccurate, out-of-date, or inappropriate for the intended target audience. The replacement content should be based on accurate scientific information related to diet and physical activity, and be consistent with information found in USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005 and MyPyramid. Within the monthly educator newsletters, Type B content modifications are allowed for the following sections:

- History of Fruit/Vegetable
- Home Grown Facts
- School Garden
- Student Advocates
- Physical Activity Corner
- Student Sleuths*
- Cafeteria Connections
- Adventurous Activities
- How Does It Grow

*Note: If Student Sleuths questions are replaced, then the answers should also be submitted for approval by the *Network* (through assigned Program Manager).

Unallowable Modifications:

The following sections of the HOTM monthly educator newsletter may not be modified, as content is based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines 2005 and other scientifically validated research:

- Health and Learning Success
- Nutrition Facts (label)
- Serving Size information
- Reasons to Eat
- Eat Your Colors*
- Fruit/Vegetable/Just the Facts
- What's in a Name

*Note: Content from the Eat Your Colors section may not be changed or modified. However, it may be removed in its entirety from the newsletter.

Approval Process for Allowable Modifications:

If making Type A or Type B allowable modifications to any HOTM materials, the following is required:

1. Obtain prior approval from the *Network* (through assigned Program Manager).*
2. Use correct HOTM logo and appropriate acknowledgement statement on each material. (See below for instructions on Logo Usage and Acknowledgement Statements.)

*Note: Please refer to Section 402C in the Program Planning and Resources Section of the LIA Guidelines Manual, which provides *Network* guidelines for developing/revising materials.

Logo Usage and Acknowledgement Statements:

If any of the above modifications have been made to a HOTM element, then the high-resolution, full-sized HOTM logo shall be used on the material. (Logo is downloadable from the *Network's* Communications Resource Library.) In addition to the logo, the following full-length USDA/*Network* acknowledgement statements should be used according to the type of modification. (NOTE: On all instructional materials, the *Network* requires that any acknowledgements be placed on the cover, table of contents, reference/citation pages, and/or any stand-alone components.)

Type A –

This material was funded by USDA's Food Stamp Program through the California Department of Public Health's *Network for a Healthy California*. These institutions are equal opportunity providers and employers. The Food Stamp Program provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help buy nutritious foods for a better diet. For information on the Food Stamp Program, call 1-888-328-3483 [or local food stamp office telephone number].

Type B –

This material is adapted from Harvest of the Month developed by the California Department of Public Health. Funding is provided by USDA's Food Stamp Program through the California Department of Public Health's *Network for a Healthy California*. These institutions are equal opportunity providers and employers. The Food Stamp Program provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help buy nutritious foods for a better diet. For information on the Food Stamp Program, call 1-888-328-3483 [or local food stamp office telephone number].

Section 3. Translations of Existing Materials

Allowable Translations:

Elements may be translated into a language other than English or Spanish from the original HOTM element (e.g., menu slick or family newsletter). The translation should be culturally and linguistically appropriate for the reading audience, while still maintaining the integrity of the original content. Due to staffing constraints, the *Network* cannot review the translations for accuracy. The *Network* encourages agencies to use internal staff to review and proof all translations for accuracy. If translations are made the *Network* reserves the right to share these “modified” materials with other programs, including USDA.

Unallowable Translations:

If a HOTM element has been previously translated, then it may not be translated again into the same language. For example, the *Network* provides translations for Spanish family newsletters and menu slicks; so, these cannot be re-translated. The *Network* also provides translations for other languages developed by local partners. These are posted on the Web site at www.harvestofthemonth.com/EdCorner/translated-newsletter.asp. Prior to starting a translation, we encourage partners to first search the Web site to determine whether a translation has already been completed for a monthly element.

Approval Process for Allowable Translations:

If translating a HOTM monthly element, the following is required:

1. Check the HOTM Web site to ensure the translation has not been done by another local agency. If it has not been posted on the site, then obtain prior approval from the *Network* (through assigned Program Manager).
2. Use internal staff and partners to review translation for accuracy.
3. Use the English HOTM logo and appropriate acknowledgement statement on translated material. (See below for instructions on [Logo Usage and Acknowledgement Statements](#).)*

Logo Usage and Acknowledgement Statement:

If an allowable translation has been developed for a HOTM monthly element, then the high-resolution, full-sized, English HOTM logo shall be used. (Logo is downloadable from the *Network's* Communications Resource Library.) In addition to the logo, the following USDA/*Network* acknowledgement statement should be used:

This material is translated from Harvest of the Month developed by the California Department of Public Health. Funding is provided by USDA's Food Stamp Program through the California Department of Public Health's *Network for a Healthy California*. These institutions are equal opportunity providers and employers. The Food Stamp Program provides nutrition assistance to people with

low income. It can help buy nutritious foods for a better diet. For information on the Food Stamp Program, call 1-888-328-3483 [or local food stamp office telephone number].

*Note: After development, we encourage local agencies to share any new translations with the *Network* so it can be posted on the state Web site for other partners to use.

Section 4. Development of Complementary Materials

This section applies to development of HOTM materials that have not been previously developed by the *Network*. The overall goal is for *Network*-funded projects to utilize existing HOTM materials rather than create new ones. The current USDA Food Stamp Nutrition Education Guidance Plan also encourages use of existing materials. However, the *Network* recognizes that some contractors may elect to create complementary materials (also sometimes referred to as “supplemental materials” or “extension pieces”) to be used in conjunction with the monthly elements. Examples of these complementary materials may include:

- *student workbooks*
- *calendars*
- *Farmer of the Month fliers*
- *bulletin boards*
- *lessons/lesson plans*
- *newsletters*
- *brochures*
- *fact sheets*
- *note cards*
- *videos*
- *banners*
- *posters*
- *bookmarks*
- *stickers*
- *Web pages*

Allowable Complementary Materials:

Complementary materials should be used in conjunction with the HOTM monthly elements. (*Note:* Actual content in the complementary material does not necessarily need to come from the monthly elements.) Any agency that is considering developing a complementary material should first contact the assigned Program Manager to discuss the need for developing this new material and obtain prior approval. These materials should be reviewed by the assigned Program Manager prior to printing or distribution.

Unallowable Complementary Materials:

Complementary materials must comply with all state and federal safety requirements with respect to production including the California Department of Public Health’s guidelines for promotional items and Proposition 65 requirements for lead content. Current guidelines for distribution of promotional items related to potential lead hazards are available on the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Web site at www.cdph.ca.gov.

Approval Process for Complementary Materials:

If developing a complementary material to complement the monthly elements, the following is required:

1. Obtain prior approval from the *Network* (through assigned Program Manager).*
2. Use correct HOTM logo and appropriate acknowledgement statement on each material. (See below for instructions on Logo Usage and Acknowledgement Statements.)

* Please refer to Section 402C in the Program Planning and Resources Section of the LIA Guidelines Manual, which provides *Network* guidelines for developing/revising materials.

Logo Usage and Acknowledgement Statement:

If complementary material is approved by the Program Manager, then the full-size, high-resolution HOTM logo may be used and printed on the material. (Logo is downloadable from the *Network's* Communications Resource Library.) In addition to the logo, the following acknowledgement statement should be used:

This material was created and approved as an extension to Harvest of the Month developed by the *Network for a Healthy California*. This material was funded by USDA's Food Stamp Program through the California Department of Public Health's *Network for a Healthy California*. These institutions are equal opportunity providers and employers. The Food Stamp Program provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help buy nutritious foods for a better diet. For information on the Food Stamp Program, call 1-888-328-3483 [or local food stamp office telephone number].

When space is limited, the following statement may be used on approved complementary materials:

For information on obesity prevention or food stamps, call 1-888-328-3483. Funded by the USDA's Food Stamp Program, an equal opportunity provider and employer.